

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ for recording audiovisual content in a communications network including ~~at least one~~ a network recorder ~~able~~ configured to record audiovisual content broadcast on a plurality of broadcast channels, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said audiovisual content is recorded by ~~[[a]]~~ the network recorder ~~at the~~ upon request of a user having a communications terminal ~~able~~ which is configured to exchange information with said ~~at least one~~ network recorder via said communications network, said method comprising the following steps of:

declaring, by the network recorder, presence of the network recorder  
~~declaring itself~~ in the communications network, the declaration indicating at least:

~~[[\* a]] means of access to~~ for accessing said recorder~~[[,]]~~

and

~~[[\*]]~~ a list of broadcast channels whose broadcast audiovisual content ~~can be recorded~~ is recordable by the communications network recorder~~[[,]]~~;

selecting, by the user using a the communications terminal, to select a the  
network recorder which is configured ~~able~~ to record ~~at least one~~ a required audiovisual content and ~~to connect thereto~~ connecting to the network recorder using said access means ~~in order~~ to request ~~the recording~~ recording of said ~~at least one~~ audiovisual content, said request including an identification of said ~~at least one~~ audiovisual content to be recorded that ~~consists in a~~ comprises an unique reference of at least one of said requested audio visual content and ~~and/or~~ an identification of an instance of said audiovisual content ~~consisting of~~ having at

least ~~the~~ an identification of ~~the~~ a broadcast channel of said instance of said audio visual content accompanied by ~~the~~ an indication of a broadcast time band[[,]]; and  
sending, from the network recorder, ~~sending~~ a response to the ~~user's~~ recording request of the user containing, if the request is accepted, an identification of the accepted recording request for each audiovisual content to be recorded.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it also includes~~ further comprising the steps of:

~~for the user, if the request is accepted~~[[,]] sending from the user terminal to the network recorder, if the request is accepted, a recording request status request indicating to the user at least said identification of the accepted recording request, and

~~for the network recorder~~[[,]] sending to the user terminal, by the network recorder, a response to the recording request status request containing at least ~~the~~ said identification of the accepted recording request and ~~the~~ a status of the request.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it also includes the steps consisting in the~~ further comprising formulating, by the user, formulating a request to one of cancel an accepted recording request ~~or to~~ and delete [[a]] audiovisual content recorded by the network recorder, indicating at least the identification of the accepted recording request.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means of access to [[a]] the network recorder ~~consist in~~ includes an address of said network recorder in the communications network.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means of access to [[a]] the network recorder ~~consists in~~ includes a directory listing operations specific to ~~the~~ a plurality of network recorders, each of said plural network recorders ~~recorder~~ being identified by ~~said~~ each operation.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said list of broadcast channels whose broadcast audiovisual content ~~can be recorded~~ is recorded by the network recorder contains ~~the~~ an address of each of the broadcast channels, optionally accompanied by ~~the~~ a charging policy of the network recorder for each of the broadcast channels.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the declaration of the network recorder in the communications network contains ~~the~~ conversion capabilities of said network recorder.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said conversion capabilities ~~concern~~ indicate at least one of bit rate reduction and ~~and/or~~ transcoding of the audiovisual content.

9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the declaration of the network recorder in the communications network contains ~~the~~ protocols that the network recorder ~~can use~~ utilizes to transfer the recorded audiovisual content to the communications terminal of the user. ~~user's terminal~~[[.]]

10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that said~~ wherein said broadcast time band indication contains one of the broadcast start time, ~~and~~ the broadcast end time ~~or the~~ and a duration of broadcasting on the broadcast channel of said instance of said audiovisual content.

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 10~~ claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said request contains the conversion capabilities required by the user for transferring the recording to the communications terminal of the user. ~~user's terminal~~[[.]]

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~[[,.]] wherein if the request is accepted, the response from the network recorder contains said unique reference of the requested audiovisual content.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~[[,.]] wherein if the request is accepted, the response from the network

recorder contains ~~the~~ at least one of a scheduled end of recording time and a ~~and/or the~~ cost of said recording.

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request is accepted, the response from the network recorder contains ~~the~~ a time period for ~~which~~ the network recorder ~~will~~ to keep the recording.

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request fails, the response from the network recorder contains ~~the~~ a reason for the failure.

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 15~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said recording request status request contains at least one of said unique reference of the audiovisual content and an ~~and/or the~~ identifier of the user.

17. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request is unexecuted ~~has not yet been executed~~, the response to the recording request status request contains at least one of the unique reference of the audiovisual content and a ~~and/or the~~ scheduled end date and time.

18. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein ~~in the case~~ cases of an unknown request, the response to the recording request status request contains the unique reference of the requested audiovisual content.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ claim ~~2, characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request fails, the response to the recording request status request contains the unique reference of the requested audiovisual content.

20. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ claim ~~2, characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the recorded content is available, the response to the recording request status request contains an address at which the recorded audiovisual content is available.

21. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said response contains at least one of the unique reference of the recorded audiovisual content and a ~~and/or the~~ time period for ~~which~~ the network recorder ~~will~~ to keep the recording.

22. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 21~~ claim ~~3, characterized in that~~ wherein said request to one of cancel the recording request ~~or to~~ and delete the recorded audiovisual content contains at least one of the unique reference of the recorded audiovisual content and an ~~and/or the~~ identifier of the user.

23. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~ claim ~~1, characterized in that~~ wherein said request contains an identification of the user.

24. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 23 claim  
1, characterized in that[[,]] wherein if the request fails and a plurality of audiovisual content  
contents has been requested, the response from the network recorder to the user's recording  
request from the user contains an identifier of the audiovisual content for which the request has  
failed.